including that by way of smuggling carae up for consideration and discussion;

(b) if so, what was the precise Indian case presented to them and what was their response thereto; and

(c) what understanding, if any, was reached to prevent or check the dumping of Chinese goods?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir. The issue of dumping of Chinese goods and smuggling was not raised by Mr. Li Peng or discussed with him during his recent visit to India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Impact of import of foreign made paper on operations of the Security

Paper Mill, Hoshangabad

† *98. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the paper to be produced at Security Mill, Hoshangabad is being imported; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the operation of Security Paper Mill, at Hoshangabad is getting affected due to import of foreign made paper and whether the indigenous technology also is getting affected as the paper produced by the mill is not used; and

(c) whether several plants of the above mill have become obsolete and many of them are non-operational if so, what action is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The present contracts for import of currency paper by Currency Note Press, Nashik/Bank Note Press, Dewas are for 13,630 MT., and those for import by Bhartiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Ltd. are for 18,150 MT.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) The entire production of SPM, Hoshangabad, is consumed by Currency Note Press, Nashik/Bank Note Press, Dewas. The requirement of currency paper is much in excess of the production of SPM, Hoshangabad. The import are meant to bridge the gap between demand and indigenous supply. Hence, the operation of Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad or the indigenous technology are not effected.

(c) The old and obsolete machines have been replaced from time to time. The Government has decided that no further capital investment is to be made except for maintaining the existing level of production.

Damage to Periyar Dam

*99. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that unlawful entry of people into Periyar Dam on 15th January, 2001, has affected the structure of the dam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what strict measures Government would take to stop entry of unlawful people to the Periyar Dam site?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Government of Kerala has been requested to issue suitable instructions to all concerned to strictly regulate the entry of visitors to the dam site, so as to ensure its safety.

Chinese delegations visit to Surat Diamond Industry

*100. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the frequent visits of Chinese delegation to Surat's diamond industry which polished almost 80 per cent of the World's rough diamonds for alluring the business community to set up their trade in China;